

We Claim:

1. A container for dispensing individual paper products, the container comprising:

5 a housing including housing side walls defining an interior area for receiving a plurality of paper products, wherein one of the housing side walls defines a slot;

 a spring external to the housing; and

 a member engaged to the spring, wherein the member extends through the slot into the interior area of the housing.

2. The container of claim 1 further comprising a door hingedly or removably attached to the housing.

3. The container of claim 2 wherein the door defines a dispensing opening.

15 4. The container of claim 3 wherein the spring urges the member towards the dispensing opening.

5. The container of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a partial housing side wall.

20 6. The container of claim 1 further comprising a track external to the housing wherein the spring is disposed within the track.

7. The container of claim 6 wherein the track extends along the length of the housing.

25 8. The container of claim 1 wherein the member extends substantially from the slot to the opposing housing side wall.

9 The container of claim 1 wherein the member extends from the slot to from $1/3$ to $1/2$ of the distance to the opposing housing side wall.

10. The container of claim 1 further comprising paper
5 products contained within the housing wherein the paper products are urged towards the dispensing opening by the member.

11. The container of claim 10 wherein the member applies substantially constant pressure against the paper
10 products.

12. A system for dispensing individual paper products, the system comprising:

the container of claim 1; and

a cartridge containing paper products, the cartridge
15 defining a dispensing opening and a second slot wherein the member extends through the second slot into the interior area of the cartridge to contact the paper products and urge the paper products toward the dispensing opening.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the cartridge
20 comprises cartridge side walls, a first end wall defining the dispensing opening, and a second end wall opposing the first end wall, wherein the second slot is defined by one of the cartridge side walls and the second end wall.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein the housing
25 comprises a partial housing side wall.

15. The system of claim 14 wherein the cartridge defines an opening for viewing the paper products.

16. The system of claim 12 wherein the spring applies substantially constant pressure against the paper products.

17. A container for dispensing individual paper products, the container comprising:

5 a housing including side walls defining an interior area for receiving a plurality of paper products, wherein one of the side walls defines a slot;

 a means for urging paper products, wherein a first portion of the means for urging paper products is external to
10 the housing, and wherein a second portion of the means for urging paper products extends through the slot into the interior area of the housing.

18. A system for dispensing individual paper products, the system comprising:

15 the container of claim 17; and

 a cartridge containing paper products, the cartridge defining a dispensing opening and a second slot wherein the second portion of the means for urging paper products extends through the second slot into the interior area of the
20 cartridge to contact the paper products and urge the paper products toward the dispensing opening.

19. A container for dispensing individual paper products, the container comprising:

 a housing including side walls defining an interior area
25 for receiving a plurality of the paper products, one of the side walls further defining a slot through which extends a

member into the interior area of the housing, the member being connected to an external spring.

20. The container of claim 19, wherein the container contains a cartridge having side walls defining an interior
5 area containing paper products, wherein one of the side walls defines a slot through which the member extends into the interior area of the cartridge.